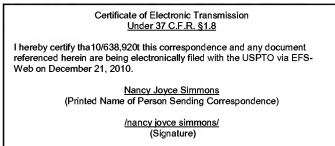


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2010, having a date for response of January 22, 2010. This Response is timely filed.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendments and Remarks.

The **Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.